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LOIS LANE

YES, MOTHER! I'M GOING TO BE THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC VILLAIN OF ALL TIME! I'LL SUCCEED WHERE DAD FAILED! I'LL KILL YOUR OLD BOY-FRIEND, SUPERMAN!
LUTHOR FAILS TO HALT SU
MY DEAR, DEPARTED HUSBAND, LEX LUTHOR, GAVE ME THE GIFT OF ETERNAL YOUTH! BUT HE ALSO GAVE ME AN EVIL SON--"BLACK" LUTHOR!

Featuring AN AMAZING IMAGINARY NOVEL...
"LOIS LANE'S OUTLAW SON!"

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

PART I OF AN IMAGINARY SERIES

HERE'S THE TALE THOUSANDS OF READERS HAVE BEEN DEMANDING, THE CONTINUATION OF THE **IMAGINARY** STORY ABOUT THE BLACK-SHEEP SON OF LOIS LANE AND HER REFORMED HUSBAND, **LEX LUTHOR**, WHICH WE PUBLISHED SOME TIME AGO! IN THIS GREAT SEQUEL, LOIS' SON, LARRY, HAS GROWN UP TO BECOME **BLACK LUTHOR**, THE WORST VILLAIN IN THE UNIVERSE! YOU'LL PITY LOIS, AND WEEP WITH HER, AS EVEN HER OLD FRIEND, **SUPERMAN**, DENOUNCES---

LOIS LANE'S OUTLAW SON!

WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE

BLACK LUTHOR

$100,000 REWARD

I'M SORRY, LOIS, BUT I'VE GOT TO HUNT YOUR SON DOWN AND BRING HIM TO JUSTICE! HE'S MORE EVIL THAN HIS FATHER, **LEX LUTHOR**, EVER WAS!

I'M SO ASHAMED! :CHOKE: WITH A NOTORIOUS OUTLAW LIKE **BLACK LUTHOR** FOR A SON, I-I DON'T WANT TO LIVE!

OUR IMAGINARY STORY, WHICH MAY OR **MAY NOT** EVER HAPPEN, BEGINS MANY YEARS FROM NOW IN OUTER SPACE...

BLACK LUTHOR TO SPACE-LINER, VIA ASTRO-PHONE! THAT WAS A WARNING SHOT! ALLOW MY CREW TO BOARD YOU-- OR THE NEXT BOLT WILL DESTROY YOU!

SOON, AS THE SPACE-BUCCANEERS ENTER THE PLEASURE CRAFT...

LINE UP, EVERYONE! DON'T RESIST!
:CHOKE:... MY SON... A SPACE-PIRATE! I'VE BEEN WEARING THESE DARK GLASSES SO THE OTHER PASSENGERS WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE ME AS BEING THE MOTHER OF THE NOTORIOUS BLACK LUTHOR!

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YES, THE GIRL BEHIND THE DARK GLASSES IS LOIS LANE, NOW THE WIDOW OF LEX LUTHOR! A LITTLE LATER IN OUR STORY, YOU'LL LEARN HOW THIS ALL CAME ABOUT...
ULP! MY FEET SEEM R-RIVETED TO THE FLOOR!
THANKS TO THE HYPNOTIC EYES OF MYSTO, THE VENUSIAN! HIS MARTIAN CRONY, MULTAR, IS SNATCHING AWAY YOUR VALUABLES WITH HIS EXPANSIBLE TENTACLES!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO ...EVIL?!
YOU GOT A BIG MOUTH! MAYBE I OUGHT TO...
QUIET, IRONCLAWS! THE LADY WAS TALKING TO ME! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
I KNEW I RECOGNIZED THAT VOICE! HI, MOM! LONG TIME NO SEE! YOU'RE AS ETERNALLY YOUNG AS EVER! WELL, I MADE GOOD MY PROMISE! I'VE BECOME A GREATER SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL THAN POPS EVER WAS!
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT?!
AFTER YOUR FATHER REFORMED, HE PAID FOR HIS PAST MISTAKES A THOUSAND TIMES OVER! HE INVENTED HUNDREDS OF THINGS THAT BENEFITTED MANKIND! AND WHEN HE TRIED TO STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT, YOU... SOB! YOU KILLED HIM! I HATE YOU, I HATE YOU...!
SHUT UP, YOU! ONE SQUEEZE FROM THESE METAL CLAWS, AND...
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO TO ME! WITH A SON WHO HAS BROUGHT SUCH... SUCH DISGRACE TO ME, I DON'T WANT TO LIVE... SOB!...
LEAVE HER ALONE!
GET BACK! OR WOULD YOU LIKE A STRONGER JOLT FROM THIS ELECTRO-ROD?
GAA! THAT... HURT!... OKAY, TAKE HER GUFF! BUT SOMEDAY YOU AND ME ARE GONNA TANGLE WHEN YOU CAN'T HIDE BEHIND THAT ELECTRIC GADGET! THEN...!

SUDDENLY, A WARNING SIGNAL...
FORGET THE LOOT! BACK TO OUR VULTURA SHIP, MEN! PRONTO!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S GONE SOFT, JUST 'CAUSE HIS MOMMA CALLED HIM A NAUGHTY KID! HE'S SCARED HE'LL GET SPANKED! HAW!
BZZZT
STAY IF YOU WANT, BUT NOT ME! SIGNAL RAYS FROM THIS NEW SUPERMAN-DETECTION HELMET I'M WEARING INDICATED THAT SUPERMAN IS HEADED THIS WAY!
SUPERMAN?! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, QUICK!!
AS THE PIRATES RETURN TO THEIR SHIP...
I PRESS THIS BUTTON, ACTIVATING THE ATOM-COMPRESSOR...
...AND THE VULTURA SHRINKS DOWN, DOWN, DOWN...
...TO THE SIZE OF A PEA! NOW TO PILOT THE SHIP INTO A CREVICE IN THIS TINY METEOR!
SHORTLY...
HA, HA! THERE GOES THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN, LOOKING FOR US IN VAIN! THE STUPID FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE HIS SUPER-POWERS ARE NO MATCH FOR MY ASTOUNDING SUPER-SCIENCE!
* UNLIKE LOIS, WHO GAINED ETERNAL YOUTH, SUPERMAN HAS AGED NORMALLY! -- Editor
AFTERWARD, BLACK LUTHOR DISCOVERS, TO HIS DISMAY...
OH, N-NO!! THE SIGNAL-RAYS, FILTERING THROUGH A RARE ELEMENT IN MY HELMET, CAUSED ALL MY HAIR TO F-FALL OFF! I'VE BECOME BALD FOREVER, BECAUSE OF SUPERMAN!
THEN, AS THE SPACE ROGUE ENLARGES HIS CRAFT ONCE MORE...
SUPERMAN CAUSED MY DAD'S BALDNESS, TOO, WHEN HE WAS A TEEN-AGER! BLAST HIM! I'LL HEAD BACK TO MY STRONGHOLD AND FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO GET EVEN!

MEANWHILE, WITHIN THE SPACE-CRUISER WHICH HAS RESUMED ITS RETURN JOURNEY TOWARD EARTH...
SO THAT'S LOIS LUTHOR! HER MARRIAGE WAS TRAGIC, WASN'T IT?
I HEARD THAT!--"TRAGIC"? ...HOW--TRUE--
BACK WING LOIS' THOUGHTS TO A DAY, MANY YEARS EARLIER, WHEN...
;CHOKE!; I'M A CAPTIVE OF LEX LUTHOR!
HA, HA! AFTER I IMPRISON YOU ON ANOTHER WORLD, I'LL TELL YOUR FRIEND, SUPERMAN, THAT IF HE OPPOSES MY CRIMES, YOU'LL DIE!
"BUT WHEN LEX ENCOUNTERED THE WISE ELDERS OF THE PLANET OMARK...!"
YAAAGHH! M-MY MIND! WHAT ARE YOU TELEPATHIC, DODDERING OLD FOOLS DOING TO...?
NO MORE VILLAINY!
OUT EVIL... IN GOOD!
"NEXT MOMENT..."
HATE...CUNNING...MENACE--ALL ARE GONE FROM LUTHOR'S FACE! NOW HE LOOKS...HUMBLE...AND KIND!...;GASP!; WHAT AN AMAZING CHANGE!
THANK YOU...
RETURN TO YOUR WORLD--TO A NEW, WORTHY DESTINY! GIVE YOURSELF UP! PAY FOR YOUR PAST CRIMES!
"RETURNING TO EARTH, LEX SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITIES--AND I GOT IN THE HABIT OF VISITING HIM OCCASIONALLY IN PRISON..."
;CHOKE!; LOIS, SEEING YOU MEANS A LOT TO ME, BUT IF YOU STOP COMING, I'LL... UNDERSTAND... AFTER ALL, I USED TO BE THE WORLD'S WORST CRIMINAL!
NONSENSE! YOU'VE CHANGED! I LIKE THE NEW LUTHOR!
"AFTER HE EARNED A PARDON, HE PROPOSED TO ME..."
PLEASE, DON'T SAY ANY MORE! YOU'RE SWEET AND KIND, AND A GENIUS, BUT...
I SEE... SUPERMAN IS STILL THE TOP MAN IN YOUR LIFE--WELL, I TRIED! I'LL... BURY MYSELF IN MY WORK...!

"LATER, AFTER AN ACCIDENT, WHEN I WAS DYING FROM A BRAIN INJURY..."
THIS HEALING RAY WILL REPAIR HER DAMAGED BRAIN CELLS INSTANTLY! I'M DONATING IT TO SCIENCE!
MY FIRST INVENTION MADE FOR GOOD PURPOSES WILL SAVE THE WOMAN I LOVE!
"SEVERAL DAYS AFTER, I LEARNED THAT LEX, NOT SUPERMAN, HAD SAVED ME..."
NO, I'M NOT PROPOSING TO YOU OUT OF GRATITUDE! I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE OLDER AND BALD! I DON'T WANT TO MARRY SUPERMAN ANY MORE! I WANT YOU... SAY "YES"!
YES!
"AND SO WE WERE MARRIED--THE EARLY YEARS WERE... JUST WONDERFUL..."
IT'S MARVELOUS, HONEY!
MY NEWEST INVENTION, DARLING, IS A CHEAP, INEXPENSIVE ROBOT ANYONE CAN AFFORD! LIKE IT?
THE NAME LUTHOR--ONCE HATED--IS NOW HONORED!
"WHEN SUPERMAN MARRIED LANA ON THE REBOUND AND GAVE HER TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS..."
SUPERMAN AND SUPER-LANA ARE PATROLLING METROPOLIS TOGETHER! IF YOU HADN'T MARRIED ME, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS SUPER-BRIDE!
WHO CARES? I'M HAPPY WITH YOU!
"ONE GLORIOUS DAY, YEARS LATER..."
YOU'VE GIVEN ME A SON! I NEVER EXPECTED TO KNOW SUCH HAPPINESS!
WE'LL CALL HIM... LARRY! LIKE YOU, HE'LL BECOME A GREAT SCIENTIST... AND BENEFIT MANKIND! WE'LL BE SO PROUD OF HIM!
"ON OUR FIFTEENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY..."
WHY DID YOU HAVE ME ENTER THIS RAY-CABINET, DARLING? I FEEL... STRANGE...?
KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED, LIKE I SAID! YOU CAN OPEN THEM AFTER YOU STEP OUT!

"MOMENTS LATER..."
I HAVE GIVEN YOU ETERNAL YOUTH AS MY ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO YOU, LOIS DEAR! THERE WAS ONLY ENOUGH OF THE RARE YOUTH ALLOY FOR ONE PERSON--YOU!
;GASP!;--I'M SLENDER AGAIN--MY WRINKLES ARE GONE!

"YEARS LATER, WHEN LARRY GREW INTO A TEEN-AGER..."
GET OFF MY BACK!
I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT'S IN THAT ROOM MOM AND POPS ALWAYS KEEP LOCKED!
I DON'T LIKE THE WILD CROWD YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITH, SON!

"NEXT DAY..."
HOW DARE YOU FORCE YOUR WAY INTO THIS ROOM! DON'T EVER DO IT AGAIN!
OKAY, OKAY!
I LEARNED ALL ABOUT POP'S CRIMINAL PAST FROM THE SCRAPBOOKS! I'LL STEAL SOME DIAGRAMS OF HIS MYSTERY WEAPONS! THEN I'LL BUILD 'EM!

"A MONTH LATER, AS SUPERMAN PATROLLED METROPOLIS..."
THAT ROCKET SHIPS TRYING TO STEAL AN ARMORED CAR WITH AN ANTI-GRAVITY RAY! MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS THE PILOT IS--LARRY LUTHOR!
AWP!--IT'S S-SUPERMAN!.. I SURRENDER!!

"SHORTLY, AT MY HOME..."
LOIS, I'M LETTING YOUR SON GO BECAUSE OF MY FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU! BUT IF HE EVER BREAKS THE LAW AGAIN...!
HE WON'T!!

LARRY! HOW COULD YOU...
DON'T BUG ME! SOME OF MY PALS ARE IN PRISON ON A BUM RAP! WHEN THEY GET OUT, I'LL MAKE HISTORY, SEE? YOUR SON'S GONNA BE THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC CROOK OF ALL TIME! BIGGER EVEN THAN POPS EVER WAS!

"ONE WEEK AFTERWARD, AS LEX CAUGHT LARRY ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE SPACE ALCATRAZ..."
I WON'T LET YOU SPOIL YOUR LIFE, AS I DID MINE!--YAA-AAGHH!
DAD!!
HE FELL AGAINST THE ELECTRODE AS I PUSHED HIM! HE'S BEING ELECTROCUTED!

AS LOIS' RECOLLECTIONS END...
THAT'S HOW THE CRIMINAL CAREER OF BLACK LUTHOR BEGAN! TODAY, HE'S A HARDENED SPACE PIRATE--MISUSING HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS TO LOOT WORLD AFTER WORLD, TOGETHER WITH HIS CREW OF EVIL ALIENS! CHOKE! --I'M SORRY HE...WENT WRONG...

DAYS AFTER LOIS RETURNS TO EARTH, SHE IS VISITED BY SUPERMAN'S FAMILY...
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! BUT YOU'RE SO YOUNG, WHILE I'VE AGED...!
NONSENSE! YOU LOOK WONDERFUL! MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE, WHILE I PLACE THESE FOOD-PELLETS IN THE INSTANT-MEAL MACHINE!

AFTER THE MEAL, AS SUPERMAN, LANA, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, JOAN, WATCH A 3-D TV SHOW WITH LOIS, SUDDENLY...
THIS IS BLACK LUTHOR INTERRUPTING THE SCHEDULED TELECAST FROM MY HIDDEN BASE! NOW HEAR THIS, EARTHLINGS...!

BECAUSE OF SUPERMAN, I AM NOW BALD! I WAS PROUD OF MY HAIR, BUT NOW IT'S GONE FOREVER! I'LL BE AVENGED AGAINST THE MAN OF STEEL SOON...VERY SOON!

SOB! --MY SON... THREATENING YOU! I'M SO ASHAMED, SUPERMAN!
PERSONALLY, I THINK LARRY IS NOW CUTER THAN EVER! BALD MEN APPEAL TO ME!
HUSH, JOAN! WHAT A THING TO SAY!
I DON'T LIKE THAT GLEAM IN HER EYE!

THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER, LOIS! LANA AND I HAVE TO TRAVEL TO A PAST ERA NOW ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION!
MIND IF I STAY JUST A BIT LONGER?
I'D LIKE TO SEE THE ROOM YOU KEEP AS A SHRINE TO THE MEMORY OF YOUR HUSBAND... WHERE YOU KEEP THE REWARDS GIVEN HIM BY MANKIND... AS WELL AS SOME OF HIS MARVELOUS INVENTIONS!
IN THERE, JOAN! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL REMAIN HERE!
I'M STILL UPSET!
SOON, IN THE ROOM...
AMIDST ALL THE TRIBUTES TO LEX LUTHOR IS THIS COVERED PICTURE! JUST AS I THOUGHT... IT'S OF LARRY, THE BLACK-SHEEP OF THE FAMILY! HE IS HANDSOME! I THINK IT'S TIME WE MET! BUT FIRST, I'LL HAVE TO FIND HIM!
SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING LOIS, JOAN FLASHES THROUGH THE UNIVERSE ON A FATEFUL SEARCH...
LOCATING ONE MAN IN THE INFINITY OF SPACE WON'T BE EASY! I'LL HAVE TO USE ALL OF MY SUPER-ABILITIES TO FIND HIM, BUT... SOMEHOW, I'LL SUCCEED!
MEANWHILE, ON THE PIRATE PLANET...
THE MONITOR REVEALS THE DAUGHTER OF SUPERMAN HEADED THIS WAY! HOW INTERESTING! I'LL PULL THIS LEVER AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER TO FIND ME, IF THAT'S WHAT SHE WANTS! CHUCKLE!
AN INVISIBLE PLANET IS BECOMING VISIBLE! MY SUPER-VISION SIGHTS A CERTAIN SOMEONE--!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, INSIDE THE SPACE ROGUE'S LAB... BLACK LUTHOR!!
HOW CLEVER OF YOU TO OUTWIT THE INTERSTELLAR POLICE BY HAVING AN INVISIBLE HIDEOUT! YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART!
HA, HA! I'VE A HUNCH YOU'RE AFTER MINE!
WHAT'S THIS? A ROMANCE BETWEEN LOIS' RENEGADE SON, AND THE DAUGHTER OF SUPERMAN AND LANA? EVEN GREATER SURPRISES ARE IN STORE, WHEN YOU TURN TO PART II OF THIS SENSATIONAL IMAGINARY NOVEL!

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LOIS LANE

PART II OF AN IMAGINARY STORY

THIS MENTO-LENS CASTS THE IMAGE OF MY MOTHER ON THE WALL!
WELL, MOM! IT'S COME AT LAST, THE DAY I'M GOING TO INVADE EARTH AND CONQUER IT WITH MY SPACE-PIRATE BAND! YOU NEVER BELIEVED I'D ACCOMPLISH POP'S OLD DREAM OF CONQUERING EARTH, DID YOU? -- HA, HA! AND GUESS WHO'LL RULE AT MY SIDE?... SUPERMAN'S DAUGHTER!!

NOW OUR STARTLING STORY, WHICH **MAY** OR **MAY NOT** EVER HAPPEN, SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR, AS THE SON OF LOIS **LUTHOR** AND THE DAUGHTER OF **SUPERMAN** MEET... AND FALL IN LOVE! WILL BEAUTIFUL **JOAN SUPERMAN** REFORM **BLACK LUTHOR** -- OR WILL THE HANDSOME SON OF LOIS WIN HER OVER TO HIS SIDE? AND WILL LOIS REGRET MORE THAN EVER THAT LARRY **LUTHOR** WAS EVER BORN... OR WILL SHE RISK EVERYTHING, EVEN HER LIFE, TO SAVE THE SON WHO HAS BROUGHT HER ONLY UNHAPPINESS? READ...

The FATE of SUPERMAN'S DAUGHTER!

AS OUR **IMAGINARY TALE** CONTINUES, LOIS ENTERS THE SHRINE-ROOM...

LEX INVENTED THIS AMAZING DEVICE! ONCE ITS RAYS ANALYZE THE VIBRATIONS OF THE RING'S OWNER, WHICH STILL CLING FAINTLY TO THE RING, THE RAYS TRACK HIM DOWN LIKE ELECTRONIC BLOODHOUNDS.'--AH-HH-- I'M BEGINNING TO SEE SOMETHING...!

AS THE PICTURE COMES INTO FOCUS...
GASP!!--IT'S JOAN! SHE'S TRAVELED TO LARRY'S STRONGHOLD AND...OH, NO!... SHE'S PLAYING UP TO HIM!!

ON THE PIRATE PLANET...
SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, GORGEOUS?
YES, I'M FED UP WITH BEING THE GOODY-GOODY DAUGHTER OF THE ULTRA-RESPECTABLE SUPERMAN! YOU APPEAL TO ME! WE'RE TWO OF A KIND...!

MEANWHILE, ON EARTH...
SHE'S KISSING LARRY, THE HUSSY!--WAIT! MAYBE I'VE...MISJUDGED HER... I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER!

THE COVER'S OFF THE JAR... NOW I KNOW WHY JOAN WENT INTO THE SHRINE! HER X-RAY VISION MUST HAVE DETECTED THIS CHEMICAL! SHE WANTED TO BE ALONE IN HERE SO THAT...
EVIL-REMOVING CHEMICAL

AND AS LOIS TURNS TO THE MONITOR...
LARRY, I WANT YOU TO COME BACK TO EARTH AT ONCE AND GO STRAIGHT!
I WAS RIGHT. THAT KISS WAS JUST PART OF A TRICK TO MAKE LARRY QUIT BEING A PIRATE!

BUT AT THE DISTANT BUCCANEER STRONGHOLD...
HA, HA, HA! THE ANSWER IS NO!! NOT FOR A BILLION KISSES, SWEETHEART!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND?! THAT EVIL-REMOVING CHEMICAL I PUT INTO MY LIPSTICK, THEN PLACED ON MY LIPS, SHOULD'VE REFORMED YOU INSTANTLY WHEN MY LIPS TOUCHED YOURS!
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GOOD TRY, GIRL! LOOK BEHIND YOU, AND YOU'LL DISCOVER WHY YOU FAILED!
ANOTHER BLACK LUTHOR!
NOT JUST ANOTHER, BUT THE REAL BLACK LUTHOR!
THAT OTHER HANDSOME CHAP IS A SYNTHETICALLY MANUFACTURED ANDROID DUPLICATE OF ME! THAT'S WHY YOUR LIPSTICK COULDN'T AFFECT HIM! THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY ATTEMPTS ON MY LIFE BY RIVAL PIRATES, I USE SUCH DUPLICATES OFTEN!
TOO BAD I COULDN'T GET YOU TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY! NOW I'LL FLY YOU BACK FORCIBLY!
SEE?—HERE ARE SIX MORE! AT LEAST A DOZEN ANDROID COPIES OF ME HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY MY ENEMIES! WHEN I DETECTED YOU STREAKING THROUGH SPACE, I SUSPECTED YOU WERE UP TO SOME MISCHIEF! SURE ENOUGH, YOU WERE!

YOU'RE NOT FLYING ANYONE ANYWHERE, CHICK! HAPPY LANDINGS! THIS LITTLE INVENTION OF MINE JUST STOLE AWAY YOUR TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS! IT WORKS ON YOU BECAUSE...
...IT'S NEAR THE END OF THE MONTH, WHEN YOU AND YOUR MOTHER BOTH NEED ANOTHER DOSE OF SUPER-SERUM TO REMAIN SUPER! THE RAY CAN'T WORK ON YOUR DAD, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE HAS PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS!
NOW TO KILL SUPER-MAN'S NO LONGER-SUPER-BRAT!

ON EARTH...
I GOT THESE METAL CLAWS BECAUSE OF YOUR FATHER, GIRL--AND NOW I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU WITH 'EM!
OH, NO!!
IN THE PIRATE SANCTUM...
ONCE I HAD FLESH-AND-BLOOD HANDS, TOO, BUT LOST THEM IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE FLEEING FROM SUPERMAN! I REPLACED THEM WITH THESE! IRONCLAWS WILL BE REVENGED!
KEEP THOSE METAL MITTS OFF HER!
SUPERMAN WON'T HARM US WHILE WE'VE GOT HER! THAT'S WHY I MADE OUR PLANET VISIBLE... SO SHE'D BE LURED HERE INTO OUR POWER, AND BECOME OUR HOSTAGE!
NO! I WANT REVENGE! REVENGE!
DISOBEYING ORDERS, EH? HAVE A CYCLONE CAPSULE!
N-NOT THAT!!
KRAKK!
YII-IIIIIII!
THE MINIATURE TWISTER SHOULD SHAKE SOME OF THE MUTINY OUT OF YOU!
AFTER THE TWISTER SUBSIDES...
GET OFF THIS WORLD, AND STAY OFF! YOUR PENALTY FOR NOT FOLLOWING ORDERS IS EXILE!
I'LL GET EVEN SOMEDAY, ACCURSED EARTHLING!

THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE! I SUSPECTED YOU WEREN'T ALL BAD...
SHUT UP WHILE I WIPE THAT ANTI-EVIL GOO OFF YOUR LIPS! DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF! I RESCUED YOU ONLY BECAUSE YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT HOSTAGE!
MEANWHILE, AS LOIS WATCHES THE MONITOR IN THE SHRINE-ROOM ON EARTH...
:CHOKE!--THE DAUGHTER OF SUPERMAN--HELD CAPTIVE BY MY OWN SON! AND I CAN'T EVEN ALERT SUPERMAN AND LANA TO SAVE JOAN, BECAUSE THEY'RE OFF IN THE PAST!
SHORTLY, ON THE BUCCANEER WORLD...
HA, HA! MY FATHER PHOTOGRAPHED THESE SCENES OF HIMSELF BATTLING SUPERMAN OFF THE SCREEN OF A TIMESCOPE MACHINE! HERE HE'S BOMBARDING YOUR DAD WITH MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF KRYPTONITE!
WHAT A SHAME LEX LUTHOR MISUSED HIS GENIUS FOR SO MANY YEARS!
HERE WE SEE POPS ORDERING HIS ALLIES, SOME GREEN KRYPTONITE MEN FROM SPACE, TO CONQUER YOUR DADDY-O WHEN HE WAS SUPER-BOY! TOO BAD KRYPTO HELPED HIM ESCAPE THIS DEADLY MENACE!
YOUR FATHER FAILED TO KILL MINE! YOU WON'T SUCCEED, EITHER!
I'VE DONE PRETTY GOOD, TOO! HERE YOU SEE ME CARRYING OFF AN INVALUABLE JEWEL-STONE FROM AN ALIEN MUSEUM OF VILLAINS! NO. 1 WASN'T SUPER, JUST WEARING ANTI-GRAVITY GLOVES AND BOOTS!
TRYING TO OUTDO YOUR PAPA, EH, JUNIOR?
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JUST REMEMBER THAT YOUR FATHER'S GREATEST FEATS... AND HAPPINESS... OCCURRED AFTER HE QUIT CRIME!
DON'T PREACH TO ME! I'M GOING TO SUCCEED WHERE POPS DIDN'T... KILL SUPERMAN, AND RULE EARTH!
;SOB, SOB!;
YOU'RE... BREAKING MY HEART, SON...
A LITTLE LATER, AS JOAN MAKES AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT...
KEEP AWAY FROM THAT SPACE SHIP, YOU FOOL! IT'S GUARDED BY A MINO-BEAST WHO'S TRAINED TO KILL TRESPASSERS!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME!
BUT THEN...
HELP!
HE WASN'T LYING!
QUICK, MULTAR! SAVE THAT GIRL WITH YOUR EXPANDIBLE TENTACLES!
YES, LEADER!
CAUGHT HER!
THERE! SHE'S SAFE!
I...I LIKE YOUR SPUNK, GIRL! LOOK! THROW IN WITH ME AND I'LL RETURN YOUR SUPER-POWERS! TOGETHER, WE'LL RULE THE SOLAR SYSTEM! HOW ABOUT IT?
NEVER! I HATE YOU! YOU'RE CONTEMPTIBLE, CONCEITED! YOU'RE...
LET ME GO! LET ME...
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT FEELS TO BE KISSED BY A MAN, NOT AN ANDROID!
NOW THAT SHE'S NOT WEARING THAT ANTI-EVIL LIPSTICK, KISSING HER WON'T TURN ME INTO AN HONEST SLOB!

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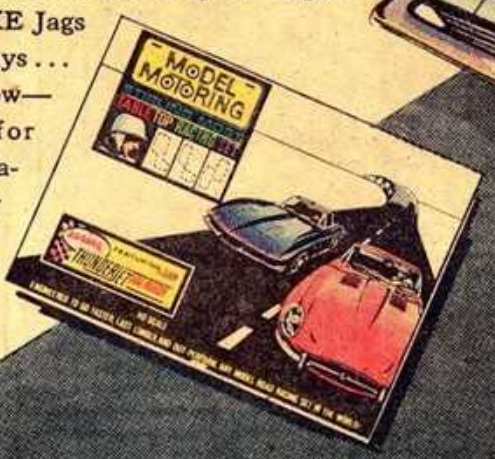

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CHOKE!--SHE...WENT LIMP IN HIS EMBRACE! BUT THOUGH SHE'S ATTRACTED TO LARRY, JOAN COULD NEVER LOVE SOMEONE WHO HAS SWORN TO DESTROY HER FATHER!
PART II CONTINUED

LATER, ON THE PIRATE PLANET...
COMRADES, THIS IS THE MOMENT YOU'VE LONG AWAITED, WHEN I REVEAL MY PLAN FOR OUR CONQUEST OF EARTH! BEHOLD THE BATTLE-PLAN, ILLUSTRATED BY PLANETARIUM MODELS!

OBSERVE HOW EARTH IS BEING ATTRACTED OUT OF ITS ORBIT BY A PLANET-ATTRACTING SATELLITE WE WILL LAUNCH! SUPERMAN WON'T DARE INTERFERE WHEN HE LEARNS HIS DAUGHTER IS HELD HOSTAGE ON OUR INVASION CRAFT!

EARTH WILL SURRENDER OR BE BURNT TO A CINDER! ANY ATTEMPT AT RESISTANCE WILL BE FOILED BY MY OWN CRAFT WHICH WILL APPROACH FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION ARMED WITH AN ENERGY-DRAINING RAY THAT'LL MAKE EARTH'S WEAPONS STOP WORKING!
BRAVO, BLACK LUTHOR!
YOU'RE GREAT!

SOON, BLACK LUTHOR DONS A MENTO-LENS THAT PROJECTS A MENTAL PICTURE OF LOIS...
HA, HA! IF YOU WEREN'T SO SQUARE, MOM, YOU'D ADMIRE ME! I'M GONNA MAKE DEAR OLD DAD'S GREAT DREAM COME TRUE! A LUTHOR WILL FINALLY OWN EARTH!

SICKENED BY WHAT SHE HAS SEEN, LOIS CARRIES THE PORTABLE MONITOR INTO HER SMALL, PRIVATE SPACE CRUISER...
I MUST GO TO LARRY... I'LL BEG HIM NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH HIS MAD PLAN!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE IRONCLAWS' SPACESHIP...
HELP! THIS IS SPACE TRAWLER Z-31! WE JUST FINISHED GATHERING SOME KRYPTONITE FOR DISPOSAL, SO IT CAN'T HARM SUPERMAN! WE WERE ABOUT TO LAND ON PLANET RW-21T, BUT OUR RETRO-ROCKETS FAILED! W-WE'LL CRASH!

A LITTLE LATER...
HA, HA! THERE GOES BLACK LUTHOR'S CRAFT! I KNEW HE COULDN'T RESIST GOING AFTER SOME KRYPTONITE WITH WHICH TO MENACE SUPERMAN! HE DOESN'T KNOW I SHOT DOWN THAT SPACE TRAWLER AND, AFTER PLANTING A DEADLY RADIATION DEVICE INSIDE, SENT OUT THAT FAKE DISTRESS CALL!

AS LUTHOR LANDS HIS CRAFT ON PLANET RW-21T AND EMERSES...
RADIATION-DETECTOR... INDICATES DEADLY XONIAN RADIATION STREAMING OUT OF THAT TRAWLER!... IT'S...A...TRAP!— ULP! I-I'M B-BLACKING ...OUT...
PLINK-
PLINK

HMM... IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR THAT RADIATION TO FINISH HIM OFF! I LEARNED HIS MOTHER LIKES TO SNOOP IN ON HIM WITH A MONITOR HER HUSBAND BUILT! I'LL BEAM THE PICTURE OF HER DYING SON ON HER SET'S FREQUENCY WAVE-LENGTH!

AS LOIS PILOTS HER CRAFT THROUGH SPACE, AND SHE TURNS ON HER MONITOR...
LARRY... DYING... ON A DESERTED ALIEN WORLD! I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID HE'D COME TO A BAD END LIKE THIS! BUT I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM! NO MATTER WHAT WRONG HE'S DONE, I... I'M HIS MOTHER!

SHORTLY, AS SHE ALIGHTS FROM HER VESSEL ON PLANET RW-21T...
HIS RADIATION-DETECTOR INDICATES SOME RADIATION IS KILLING HIM... JUST AS I SUSPECTED! MAYBE MY ASTRONAUT SUIT WILL PROTECT ME... AND MAYBE IT... WON'T! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM, REGARDLESS!
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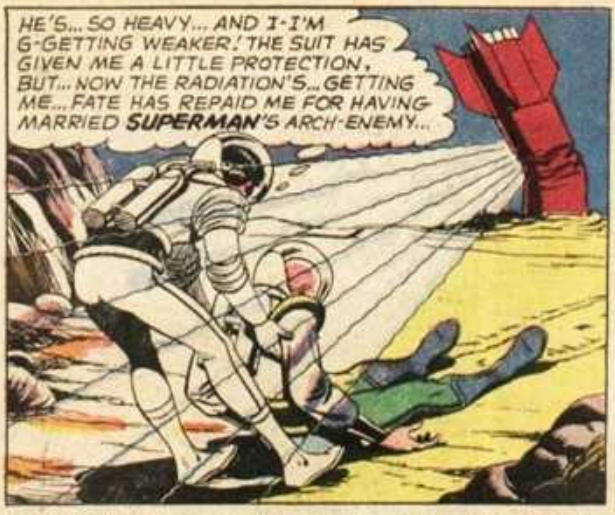
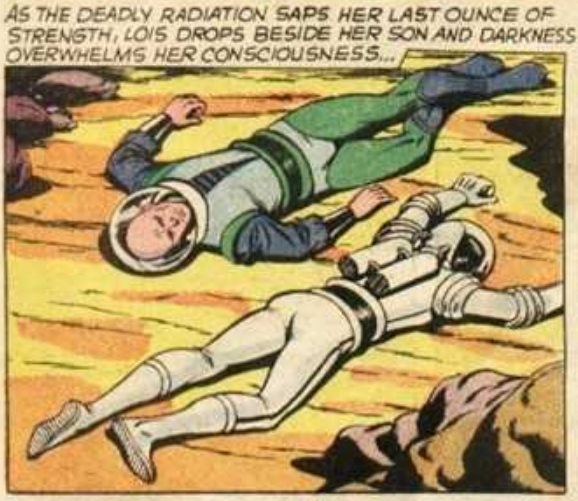

HE'S... SO HEAVY... AND I-I'M G-GETTING WEAKER! THE SUIT HAS GIVEN ME A LITTLE PROTECTION, BUT... NOW THE RADIATION'S... GETTING ME... FATE HAS REPAID ME FOR HAVING MARRIED SUPERMAN'S ARCH-ENEMY...


AS THE DEADLY RADIATION SAPS HER LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, LOIS DROPS BESIDE HER SON AND DARKNESS OVERWHELMS HER CONSCIOUSNESS...

TRIUMPHANTLY, IRONCLAWS SPEEDS HIS CRAFT TOWARD THE PIRATE PLANET...
CHUCKLE! ...I KNOW ALL ABOUT BLACK LUTHOR'S PLAN TO CONQUER EARTH! NOW THAT HE'S DEAD, I'LL TAKE OVER THE PIRATE BAND AND LAUNCH THE INVASION MYSELF!
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Dear Editor: I'd like to congratulate you on the stories you give us in LOIS LANE which are strictly suspenseful, from start to finish, in the best tradition of Hitchcock. To my mind, "The Mystery of Skull Island", in LOIS LANE Giant Annual No. 2, and "Lois Lane, Traitor", in the first Annual, are perfect examples of this type. So, let's have more of this variety soon, pretty please.

Dora Knight, Passaic, N. J.

(You'll find another great story in this suspense genre, "The Incredible Illusions of Lois Lane", in the very next issue. If you can guess its terrific surprise ending, we'll take a bath in molten kryptonite.–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I am a registered nurse and I am engaged to a young doctor. I would like you to know that my fiance and I both read your recent excellent story, "Lois Lane, Volunteer Nurse", and we found the medical and hospital atmosphere to be very authentic. As a matter of fact, that particular issue was passed along from ward to ward and all the patients enjoyed it. Our chief surgeon also read the story and his only comment was: "Boy, would I like to have a nurse like Lois Lane on my staff!"

Mae Edith McAllister, Chicago, Ill.

(Tell your boss that Lois belongs to DC, lock, stock and thermometer.–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I can prove you are anti-Lana Lang and strictly prejudiced in favor of Lois Lane! How come, in ACTION COMICS, it is always Lois, *never* Lana, who is featured with SUPERMAN in a long adventure?

Tom Schweizer, Carr, Miss.

(How wrong you are. Lana was co-starred with SUPERMAN in ACTION No. 304. And you'll see her again, in ACTION No. 308, in a story, "Superman Meets the Goliath-Herculen." So you owe us an apology!–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think your magazine is tops in every way. But in the story, "The Murder of Lana Lang", you show the D.A. of Star City saying at Lois' trial that six empty shells were found in the gun. But the gun was an automatic pistol. And when any automatic pistol is fired, the empty casings are automatically ejected from the gun. How do you get out of this jam?

Richard Modesette, Bellaire, Texas

(By alibing that the pistol's ejection apparatus was jammed.–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Regarding "The Murder of Lana Lang" in issue No. 44. No decent judge would have let the trial go to a jury, because of the lack of a *corpus delicti*. In other words, as long as the law cannot produce the victim's body, there is no evidence of the crime. And, inasmuch as Lana's "corpse" could not be found, legally there should have been no case against Lois.

Ruth Coy, Champaign, Ill.

(True. But there have been notable exceptions where just a few strands of hair from the victim's head, or even some torn skin, are sufficient evidence to indicate foul play. In this story, the incriminating clues were blood stains, of Lana's specific type, found in the helicopter. Besides, how else could we have had a story in which Lois is accused of Lana's murder without actually killing Miss Lang?–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The False Superman". But in the story you showed the Happy Humor truck without a license plate. How come?

Daniel Boyle, Bronx, N. Y.

(The explanation is simple. The owner of the Happy Humor truck was a criminal. And as everyone knows, all crooks are stupid.–Ed.)

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Dear Editor: My son reads your comic books with great enjoyment. Generally, I appreciate the high standards upheld by the comic books. However, I must tell you I am unhappy about the story, "The Murder of Lana Lang", in which you come out against capital punishment. I feel capital punishment for criminals is necessary for many moral, social and scriptural reasons. I am sorry you chose to attempt to further your philosophy by trying to influence children through that story. I agree that you have every right to advocate anything you believe in, in your comic books. But I also have a responsibility to supervise my son's reading. I shall hereafter thoroughly check each of your magazines. I shall not allow him to purchase any books which advocate any such policies.

Mrs. Mary Burke, Bellevue, Washington

(We appreciate your criticism, which we know is offered in a sincere spirit. Rather than debate the question of capital punishment with you–a controversial issue which sociologists, clergymen, penologists and humanitarians have been arguing about for decades–may we point out that it was never our intention to foist our "philosophy" on the readers. The capital punishment angle in this story was simply a springboard for an exciting situation. And, judging by the enthusiastic response of numerous readers, it was accepted as such.–Ed.)

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

AND NOW WE COME TO THE CLIMAX OF OUR **IMAGINARY NOVEL!** DOES LOIS **DIE?** REMEMBER, IN OUR IMAGINARY STORIES, **ANYTHING** CAN HAPPEN! DOES **BLACK LUTHOR** SURVIVE AND DESCEND TO NEW DEPTHS OF INFAMY BY HELPING THE SPACE OUTLAW BAND MAKE GOOD HIS MAD DESIRE TO CONQUER EARTH? PREPARE FOR THE WORST... BUT HOPE FOR THE BEST, IN THIS FINAL CHAPTER WHICH IS IRONICALLY ENTITLED...

THE WEDDING OF LOIS' SON and SUPERMAN'S DAUGHTER!

AND DO YOU, LARRY LUTHOR, TAKE JOAN **SUPERMAN** TO BE YOUR WIFE?

I DO...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS REALLY HAPPENING! MY SON, LARRY, HAS **REFORMED** AND IS MARRYING THE DAUGHTER OF **SUPERMAN** AND LANA! IS THIS **TRUE**, OR... JUST THE **HALLUCINATION** OF A WOMAN DYING FROM... **XONIAN RADIATION-POISONING?!**

ON PLANET RW-21T, AS **BLACK LUTHOR** REVIVES...

GOOD THING I'VE BEEN TAKING RADIATION-ANTIDOTE PILLS REGULARLY... AS A PRECAUTION! THOUGH THAT RADIATION HIT ME HARD FOR A WHILE, I-I'M OKAY NOW, THANKS TO THE ANTIDOTE!

GREAT GALAXIES! IT'S... **MOM!!**- SHE MUST HAVE RISKED HER LIFE TO SAVE ME, ONLY **SHE** WASN'T PROTECTED BY RADIATION ANTIDOTE PILLS!-- SHE'S... STIRRING...

WHY'D YOU DO IT, MOM? YOU KNOW I'M NOT WORTH IT!

BECAUSE YOU'RE... MY SON...

SOME SON! ;CHOKE;--I'VE DISGRACED THE FAMILY NAME... KILLED MY FATHER--AND NOW YOU'RE DYING BECAUSE OF ME! FORGIVE ME, MOM! FORGIVE ME!
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, LARRY. THIS WAS...FATED TO HAPPEN!

AND AS LOIS' LIFE EBBS AWAY...
CAN'T HELP... THINKING...HOW DIFFERENT MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN...IF I HAD MARRIED SUPERMAN... INSTEAD OF LEX LUTHOR!

"PEOPLE WOULD HAVE RESPECTED MY SUPER-HUSBAND AND ME FROM THE DAY WE BECAME BRIDE AND GROOM..."
OH, DARLING, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
DON'T THEY MAKE A PERFECT PAIR?

"AND I KNOW THAT IF I HAD GIVEN SUPERMAN A SON, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A CREDIT TO BOTH OF US..."
DEAREST LOIS... HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL SON YOU GAVE ME!
...AND IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE NOBEL PRIZES FOR CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY!

AND AS LOIS UTTERS HER FINAL BREATHS...
YES...THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN...QUITE DIFFERENT...
SHE'S SLIPPED INTO A COMA FROM WHICH SHE MAY... ;CHOKE;...NEVER AWAKEN! FOR ONCE, I'LL USE MY SCIENTIFIC GENIUS FOR GOOD! I'LL SAVE MY MOTHER, IF IT'S HUMANLY POSSIBLE!!

SOON, WITHIN THE SHIP...
THIS LIFETRON RAY I INVENTED HAS GOT TO HELP HER! ;CHOKE;...IF I HADN'T LIVED THE LIFE OF A SELFISH, ARROGANT PUNK, SHE WOULDN'T BE DYING NOW...
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MASSIVE SOBS SHAKE THE FORM OF THE ONCE-PROUD BUCCANEER WHO HAS LOOTED A HUNDRED WORLDS...
THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF A ROTTEN CAREER...THE DEATH OF MY OWN MOTHER!...IS IT MY FATE TO LIVE UP TO THE NAME BLACK LUTHOR... TO HAVE MY NAME GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF INFAMY?
MEANWHILE, ON THE PIRATE PLANET...
I'VE KILLED BLACK LUTHOR! ANY OF YOU SPACE-RATS WANT TO FIGHT ME FOR THE LEADERSHIP!?
NOT ME, IRONCLAWS! ONLY BLACK LUTHOR WAS YOUR MATCH!
AND HE'S DEAD! HAIL TO OUR NEW CHIEF, IRONCLAWS!!
LUTHOR'S PLAN TO CONQUER EARTH WAS A GOOD ONE, SO LET'S LAUNCH THE ATTACK, MEN! INTO THE VULTURA! THE GIRL COMES, TOO! LUTHOR WAS RIGHT! SUPERMAN WILL KEEP HIS SUPER-HANDS OFF US, WITH HER ABOARD AS A HOSTAGE!
SHORTLY, THE BLAST-OFF!
SOON EARTH WILL BELONG TO US, MATES! HAW, HAW!
WRROOMM!
THEN, AS THE PIRATE CRAFT'S IONIC DRIVE HURTLES IT TOWARD OUR WORLD...
WE'LL GET ALONG WITHOUT BLACK LUTHOR'S TWO-PRONG ENERGY-DRAINER RAY STRATEGY! THE THREAT OF BEING DRAWN INTO THE SUN WILL BE ENOUGH TO MAKE EARTH SURRENDER!
PRESENTLY, IN OUR GALAXY...
HA, HA! WE'VE SHOT THE PLANET-ATTRACTING SATELLITE AT THE SUN! THE SATELLITE'S HEAT-RESISTANT METAL WON'T BE AFFECTED WHEN IT HALTS BEFORE THE FLAMING ORB AND SUPERMAN WON'T DARE INTERFERE BECAUSE WE HAVE HIS DAUGHTER FOR A HOSTAGE!

SOON, AS THE SATELLITE EXERTS ITS BALEFUL INFLUENCE TOWARD THE THIRD PLANET FROM THE SUN...
EARTH IS BEING DRAWN OFF ITS ORBIT, TOWARD THE SUN!
ABOUT NOW, EARTHLINGS WILL BE GETTING HOT UNDER THE COLLAR! LET 'EM STEW!
ON EARTH, PANDEMONIUM AND TERROR REIGN EVERYWHERE...
WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT...IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS HOT BEFORE!
CAN'T STAND... THE UNBEARABLE HEAT!
THE HEAT... BLINDING! I'M GOING MAD!
IN THE VULTURA'S CONTROL ROOM...
IRON-CLAWS SPEAKING! SURRENDER, EARTHLINGS, OR BE DRAWN INTO THE SUN AND BURN! IN CASE SUPERMAN OR ANY OF HIS PALS ARE THINKING OF FIGHTING BACK... DON'T! JOAN SUPERMAN IS OUR PRISONER! OPPOSE OUR PIRATE BAND, AND SHE DIES!
MINUTES LATER...
A UNITED NATIONS PATROL FORCE IS ABOUT TO HURL ATOMIC-WARHEAD ARMED SPACE TORPEDOES AT US!... WAIT! HERE COMES BLACK LUTHOR'S SHIP! HE MUST HAVE SURVIVED SOME-HOW! HE'S COMING TO HELP US WITH THE ENERGY-DRAINING RAY!

IRONCLAWS TO BLACK LUTHOR.! GO ON! SHINE YOUR RAY AT EARTH, PAL! HELP US, AND YOU CAN REJOIN THE GANG AS MY UNDERLING! I WON'T HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU! THAT'S A PROMISE, CHUM!
BLACK LUTHOR'S RAY-PROJECTOR IS EMERGING...HE'S GOING TO USE IT AGAINST EARTH, LIKE I ORDERED! HA, HA! AFTER HE HAS CANCELLED OUT EARTH'S ABILITY TO FIGHT BACK, I'LL FINISH THE JOB OF DESTROYING HIM THAT I BUNGLED!
UNEXPECTEDLY, THE RAY FROM LUTHOR'S PROJECTOR SHINES NOT TOWARD EARTH, BUT UPON THE VULTURA...
INSTANTLY, WITHIN IRONCLAW'S CRAFT...
AYE!
LARRY'S RAY REFORMED THESE EVIL MEN! IT DIDN'T AFFECT ME, BECAUSE I'M ALREADY A MORAL LAW-ABIDING PERSON!
HOW WRONG OF US TO ATTACK EARTH! WE MUST UNDO OUR VILLAINOUS DEED!
MUST REVERSE THE EFFECT OF THE PLANET-ATTRACTING SATELLITE AT ONCE, SO THAT IT REPELS EARTH BACK TO ITS PROPER ORBIT!
HURRY, IRONCLAWS! THE EARTHLINGS MUSTN'T SUFFER ANYMORE!
SHORTLY...
HURRAH! EARTH IS BACK IN ITS PROPER ORBIT!
IRONCLAWS SPEAKING! PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE APOLOGY, EARTH PEOPLE! FORGIVE US! WE DID WRONG, BUT WE'LL NEVER BE EVIL AGAIN!
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AND ON EARTH...
THANK GOODNESS, IT'S NO LONGER BURNING HOT! I CAN BREATHE AGAIN!
THOSE PIRATES ABANDONED THEIR PLANS OF CONQUEST IN THE NICK OF TIME!

PRESENTLY, AS THE VULTURA AND BLACK LUTHOR'S CRAFT ALIGHT ON OUR PLANET...
INTERSTELLAR POLICE CRAFT Y40 COMING IN FOR LANDING!
GASP! LARRY IS EMERGING FROM HIS SHIP TOGETHER WITH LOIS, HIS MOTHER! AND HIS HAIR HAS SOMEHOW GROWN BACK!

AND AS JOAN SUPERMAN LOOKS INTO LARRY'S TRANSFORMED FEATURES...
YOU'VE CHANGED! YOU'RE NO LONGER BALD! AND, LIKE THE OTHER PIRATES, YOU'RE NO LONGER... WICKED!
YES... I'VE CHANGED! I'LL EXPLAIN WHY LATER... AND I'M SORRY ABOUT MY PAST BEHAVIOR! BUT I'M PROUD... OF MY LOVE FOR YOU...

I SENSE HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH! NOW THAT HE'S NO LONGER EVIL AND DOESN'T HATE MY FATHER ANY MORE, I CAN ADMIT TO MYSELF THAT I LOVE LARRY, TOO!

I'LL LOVE YOU... ALWAYS...
OH, DARLING...

THEN... BUT, LARRY DEAR, HOW DID ALL THIS HAPPEN?
IT BEGAN WHEN I REALIZED MOM WAS DYING BECAUSE SHE'D SACRIFICED HER LIFE TO SAVE MINE! SUDDENLY I SAW MYSELF FOR WHAT I REALLY WAS... AND I DESPISED WHAT I SAW...

"FOR A WHILE, IT SEEMED LIKE THE LIFETRON-RAY I INVENTED COULDN'T SAVE HER. BUT THEN..."
I FEEL COMPLETELY WELL AGAIN... THANKS TO YOU, SON!
WONDERFUL! NOW THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'VE GOT TO DO...!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LARRY?
USING CHEMICALS FROM THE SHIP'S LAB, I'VE MADE SOME OF THE ANTI-EVIL CHEMICAL DAD INVENTED! AFTER I FILL UP THE CHAMBER WITH THIS STUFF, I'LL ENTER IT QUICKLY BEFORE MY RESOLVE TO BECOME GOOD WEAKENS!
"SHORTLY..."
I AM READY TO COME OUT NOW, MOTHER! AND I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
HIS VOICE SOUNDS DIFFERENT! IT'S NOW VERY CALM... NOBLE...
MOTHER! SEE--THE CHEMICAL WORKED ON ME--AND IT ALSO MIRACULOUSLY MADE MY HAIR GROW BACK! WHEN I THINK OF THE YEARS I WASTED--HATING, FIGHTING, SCHEMING...!
OH, HOW HE'S CHANGED! AND ALL FOR THE BEST!
AT LAST I HAVE THE KIND OF SON I...ALWAYS WANTED...
I HAVE A HUNCH IRONCLAWS WAS BEHIND OUR TROUBLES, MOTHER, AND THAT HE'LL LAUNCH THE ATTACK AGAINST EARTH THAT I PLANNED WHEN I WAS A MORAL JACKAL! HELP ME IMBED THE ANTI-EVIL CHEMICAL INTO THIS RAY-PROJECTOR LENS-FILTER! WE'LL SPRING A SURPRISE ON MY FORMER HENCHMEN!
GLADLY!
YOU KNOW THE REST! THE ANTI-EVIL RAY, WHICH I SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ENERGY-DRAINING RAY, MADE THE PIRATES GOOD!
LIKE HIS FATHER, LEX LUTHOR, WE'VE ABANDONED CRIME FOREVER!
SINCE YOU PIRATES ARE NO LONGER EVIL, AND NO LONGER A THREAT TO SOCIETY, YOU WILL BE PARDONED.
SOON, AS MR. AND MRS. SUPERMAN RETURN AND LEARN OF LARRY'S REFORMATION...
HAVE I YOUR PERMISSION TO MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER?
DAD, PLEASE SAY YES!
I COULD NEVER SAY "NO" TO YOU, JOAN!
I'M SURE WE'LL ALL BE PROUD OF THE NEW LARRY!
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AND SO...
CHOKE!... IT'S AS THOUGH AN EVIL NIGHTMARE HAS COME TO AN END! I'M SO HAPPY THAT LARRY, LIKE DEAR LEX BEFORE HIM, WILL NOW USE HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS ONLY FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND!

AND AT THE SPACEPORT...
HAVE A HAPPY HONEYMOON TRIP!
'BYE, EVERYBODY!
SO LONG, MOM!
OH, IF ONLY HIS FATHER, LEX LUTHOR, WERE ALIVE TO SEE THIS HAPPY DAY! HOW PROUD HE WOULD HAVE BEEN OF LARRY!
JUST MARRIED!
AND SO ENDS OUR IMAGINARY NOVEL, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT EVER HAPPEN! NEXT ISSUE - THREE GREAT STORIES OF LOIS LANE (STILL SINGLE) AND LANA LANG (ALSO SINGLE)! -ED.
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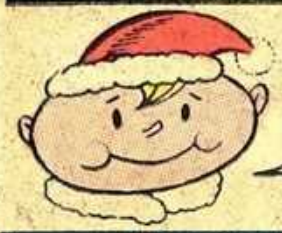

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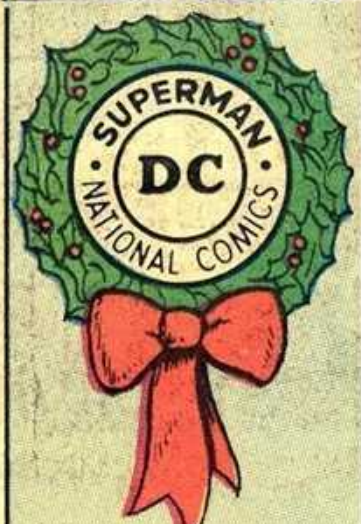

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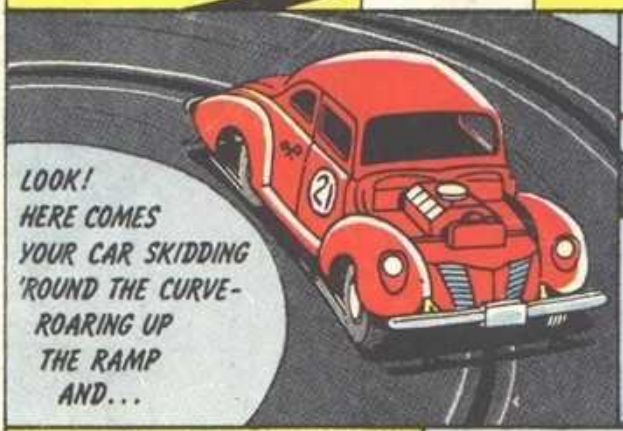

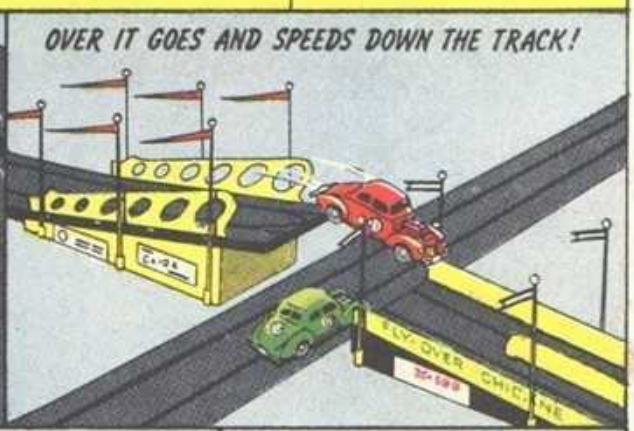

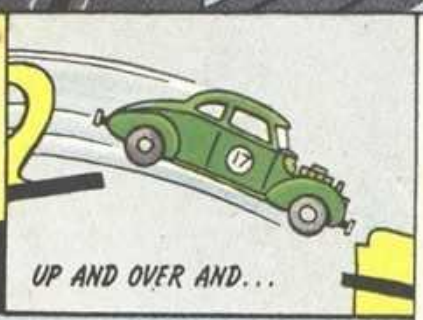

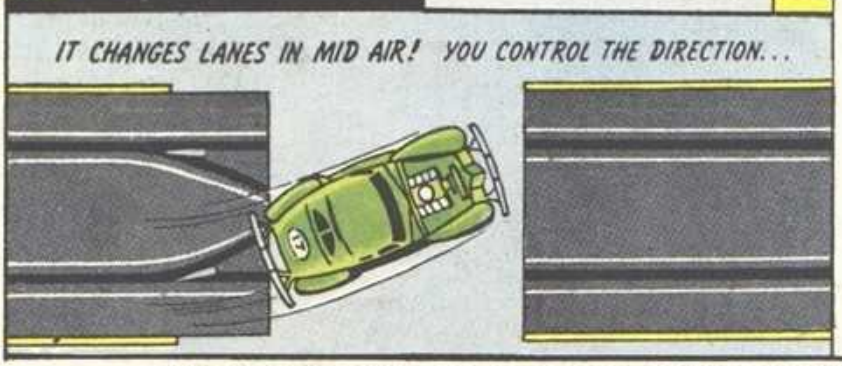

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